

April 11, 1938.

Abe Fortas, Assistant Director,  
Public Utilities Division,  
Securities and Commission,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Abe:

With great reluctance and deep regrets, I have submitted to the Commission your letter of resignation.

Your work for the Commission, first, as Assistant Director of the Protective Committee Study, and second, as Assistant director of the Public Utilities Division, was most outstanding. The ability, imagination, integrity, and energy which you brought to bear on all your tasks with us have made a deep and lasting impression on our works. It has been a real pleasure to have been associated with you in those various endeavors since 1934.

You move on to your new position with an established record of real achievement in the public service. I know that your professional achievements in your new undertaking will be singularly significant and an inspiration to all true liberals who choose to make the public service their calling.

With warm personal regards and best wishes, I am

Yours faithfully,

William O. Douglas  
Chairman